The Coming Nuclear War: God’s Final Judgment Is Now Upon Us

“The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly…” —Zephaniah 1:14

The prophesied destruction is not in some distant future. It is now. The scriptures have long warned of a time when fire from the heavens, massive armies, global darkness, and unrelenting war would shake every nation. That time has arrived. The powers of Russia, China, Iran (Persia), and North Korea are rising as the prophetic sword of God’s judgment.

Joel 2:30 speaks of 'pillars of smoke' — a description that fits the mushroom clouds rising like palm trees after a nuclear detonation. Revelation 9:18 declares, 'By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone,' leaving no doubt that this is firepower of modern warfare.

Acts 2:19 — 'Blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke.' This aligns with the effects of nuclear detonation. 2 Peter 3:10 describes 'the elements melting with fervent heat,' and Joel 2:10 speaks of the sun and moon being darkened. These match the aftermath of a nuclear exchange.

Malachi 4:1 warns that the coming day will 'burn as an oven,' and Revelation 9:15 foresees a third part of mankind being killed. These are not poetic metaphors — they are vivid depictions of global war in our day.

Warnings from the Book of Mormon & Doctrine and Covenants

Alma 34:33 warns that repentance will no longer be possible at the crisis moment. D&C; 110:16 and 45:31 speak of the 'great and dreadful day' and a 'desolating scourge' that will go forth among the inhabitants of the earth. These are unmistakable warnings of God’s wrath in modern times.

Joseph Smith’s Prophetic Voice

Joseph Smith declared: 'The sword of vengeance hangeth over you; and soon shall the cup be wrung out to the dregs' (TPJS, p. 9). He warned not to rely on traditions or wealth, but to hear the word of God and prepare spiritually for the days ahead.

The Kings of the East: China, Russia, Iran, North Korea

Revelation 16:12–14 speaks of the 'kings of the east' being prepared for war. China, as the dragon of Revelation 12, now holds the world's largest military. Revelation 9:16 warns of a 200-million-man army — a prophecy China alone can fulfill.

Russia is Gog of Ezekiel 38, leading Persia (Iran) and North Korea into battle. These modern alliances are the fulfillment of scripture written thousands of years ago.

America: Modern Babylon

Revelation 18:4 calls God’s people to 'come out of her,' while verse 8 warns that plagues and fire will destroy her in 'one day.' The United States has filled its cup with pride, blood, and rebellion against God. The Lord will not hold back His judgment.

Call to Repentance

Joel 2:32 promises that 'whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered.' D&C; 133:7 commands us to flee Babylon. God will preserve a righteous remnant, but time is almost up.

Amos 3:7 reminds us that 'Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.' The warnings have been given. The destruction is coming. The time to prepare is now.

Addendum: Prophetic Warnings of Imminent Destruction

Scripture/Source	Excerpt / Warning Summary
Zephaniah 1:14	Day of the Lord is near—swift destruction.
Joel 2:10	Sun and moon darkened—fallout imagery.
Joel 2:30	Pillars of smoke—like mushroom clouds.
Malachi 4:1	The day shall burn like an oven.
Ezekiel 38–39	Russia and Iran lead prophetic war.
Amos 3:7	God warns through His prophets.
Acts 2:19	Blood, fire, vapors of smoke.
2 Peter 3:10	Earth burned—elements melt.
Revelation 9:15	One-third of mankind slain.
Revelation 9:16	200 million-man army rises.
Revelation 9:18	Fire, smoke, brimstone kill.
Revelation 12:3	The red dragon—China rises.
Revelation 16:12–14	Kings of the East prepare war.
Revelation 18:4	Come out of corrupt Babylon.
Revelation 18:8	Burned with fire in one day.
Alma 34:33	Repent before it's too late.
D&C 45:31	Desolating scourge is coming.
D&C 110:16	Day of the Lord is now near.
D&C 133:7	Flee Babylon before judgment.
TPJS p. 9	Cup of wrath wrung to dregs.

Supplement: Master List of Scriptural Warnings of Destruction

Source	Scripture	Excerpt / Theme
Bible		
Bible	Joel 2:30–31	Pillars of smoke; fire and blood before the day of the Lord.
Bible	Malachi 4:1	Burning as an oven; total judgment.
Bible	Zephaniah 1:14–18	Wrath and fire to devour the land.
Bible	Isaiah 13:9–13	Sun darkened, heavens shaken.
Bible	Revelation 8:7	Hail, fire, and blood destroy greenery.
Bible	Revelation 9:18	Fire, smoke, and brimstone kill one-third of men.
Bible	2 Peter 3:10	Elements melt, earth burned up.
Bible	Ezekiel 38–39	Russia leads fiery war; land needs cleansing.
Bible	Jeremiah 25:31–33	Global death; corpses from one end to another.
Bible	Isaiah 24:1–6	Earth burned and few men left.
Bible	Revelation 18:8–10	Babylon destroyed by fire in one hour.
Bible	Joel 2:1–3	**Fire devours before and behind—a scorched land.**
Bible	Joel 2:30	**Blood, fire, and pillars of smoke (mushroom cloud).**
Bible	Isaiah 34:2–4	**Heavens rolled like a scroll—sky collapse imagery.**
Bible	Nahum 2:10	**Faces blackened—possible radiation burns.**
Bible	Jeremiah 4:7, 26–28	Destroyer of Gentiles is on his way.
Bible	Jeremiah 51:58	Walls of Babylon broken—labor in vain.
Bible	Matthew 24:6–22	Great tribulation like never before.
Bible	Luke 21:25–26	**Men’s hearts failing them for fear.**
Bible	Isaiah 66:15–16	The Lord comes with fire and sword.
Bible	Daniel 12:1	A time of trouble never seen before.
Book of Mormon		
Book of Mormon	3 Nephi 8:5–25	Cities burned, darkness, whirlwinds.
Book of Mormon	Ether 2:8–10	Land swept clean by God’s wrath.
Book of Mormon	Helaman 13:10–11	Sword of justice, desolation foretold.
Book of Mormon	Alma 9:18–24	Cities desolate by fire.
Book of Mormon	Mosiah 12:8	Great destruction, cities empty.

Book of Mormon	3 Nephi 21:14	Destruction of latter-day cities.
Book of Mormon	2 Nephi 6:15	Great division among the people.
Book of Mormon	Ether 8:24	Secret combinations will destroy freedom.
Book of Mormon	2 Nephi 28:18–19	Ease in Zion before the fall.
Doctrine and Covenants		
D&C	29:14–21	Sun dark, blood moon, hailstorm.
D&C	45:31–33	Desolating scourge among the wicked.
D&C	87:6–8	End of nations with plague and war.
D&C	97:26	Vengeance by fire and pestilence.
D&C	112:24–26	Judgment starts with the Lord's house.
D&C	133:49–51	Mountains melt, cities covered.
D&C	88:87–91	**Sun dark, moon blood, hearts fail (vivid nuclear imagery).**
D&C	84:114–117	New York, Boston, Albany to face destruction.
D&C	1:17	The anger of the Lord is kindled.
D&C	124:8	Blessings revoked if commandments ignored.
Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith		
TPJS	p. 9	Sword of vengeance; cup wrung to the dregs.
TPJS	p. 160	Calamity soon to fall on earth.
TPJS	p. 260	Earth in commotion; wars foretold.
TPJS	p. 305	God makes a short work in the last days.
TPJS	p. 366	Only the righteous will be left.
TPJS	p. 100	God's decrees must be fulfilled—no escape.